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Hello,

I provide staff support to the Flint Historic District Commission (although I am writing representing only myself). I also served as the most recent Executive Director of Preservation Detroit.

As you might imagine, I am writing to strongly oppose any form of HB 5232. This bill is a grave mistake, and it robs protections from cities across Michigan to serve the interests of a few wealthy property owners in the Grand Rapids suburbs. It is not okay for these property owners to interfere with a tool that has helped the endurance and recovery of Flint and Detroit communities.

Ironically, those houses in the Grand Rapids area are probably so valuable precisely because they are located in a local historic district. Local districts are a great tool for maintaining sense of place and property value, and it's no accident that some of Detroit's most quickly recovering neighborhoods include historically designated areas.

HB 5232 is a selfish and destructive bill. It should not be approved in any form.

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